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## **KENAI RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Anchorage, AK – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, December 3, 2007, that Seth Eagle Richeson, a resident of Kenai, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage, Alaska to 51 months imprisonment for his conviction of possession of child pornography and must register with the sex offender registry.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Richeson, age 25, of Kenai, Alaska.

According to information filed with the court by Assistant United States Attorney Audrey Renschen, Richeson possessed child pornography on a computer used at work for an unknown period but ending on January 12, 2007.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Burgess stated that this was a serious offense because the victims of this crime were the children that were sexually exploited in the images downloaded and viewed by the defendant and the defendant perpetuated this victimization by his conduct.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood brings together federal, state and local resources to better identify, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as reach out to and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov/).

Mr. Cohen commended the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, with special assistance from law enforcement agents of the Alaska State Troopers and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Richeson.

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